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Re: S.B. No. 477 & H.B. 5397

Ladies & Gentlemen,

It appears to have been the intention of Connecticut government to use the Sandy Hook event to promote public demand for gun control, if for no other reason, to save our children.

I believe that if the images of dead and bleeding children had been splashed across our newspapers and television sets, there would have been stringent gun control within the week in response to public demand. But those images were not shown, for the sake of privacy, it was asserted. That decision was arrived at either by the stupidity of Connecticut government, or the absence of the requisite images. I prefer to believe the latter – the state didn't have them.

It is clear from this episode and its aftermath, that it is not the State & People of Connecticut vs. the bad guys. It is the People vs. the State of Connecticut who are the bad guys.

From at least as early as the Civil War, and probably earlier, the Connecticut citizen has been on a downward march at the hands of the State of Connecticut. The opportunity to earn wages through labor has been in steady decline through national consolidation of all industry and retail into the hands of the few. Education of children is such that none have the slightest understanding of the United States Constitution, "The Law of the Land," meant to protect them from runaway government such as the present Connecticut government. And at the root of the usurpation of citizen power is the hijacking of real money, gold & silver, by credit, which is issued in any amount necessary to suppress citizen empowerment.

Under these conditions, the citizens have only one defense, they would have had their labor and money, but that was taken away from them. All they have left are their guns. And I believe it is the intention of the Connecticut citizenry to use their guns as always intended, for defense. Initiatives to strip Connecticut citizens of their guns, consequently, can have no other object in mind, that to take away all defenses in order to further exploit.

Of course, not all citizens can see their own exploitation, and seem not to have a care for their posterity. Nevertheless, the disempowerment of those citizens who are aware and who do care, and are most likely attentive to Constitutional protections, can see nothing more in this proposed legislation than just the latest assault not only on themselves, but on their country

and state and upon all that is the good that created American society, at one time, the envy of the world. The promoters of this legislation, let's not quibble, come from the Devil and are the true Enemies of the State, the "State" being envisioned as the creation of the people, for their own protection.

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The two firearm related bills on the Public Health Committee agenda are:

S.B. No. 477 AN ACT CONCERNING THE PUBLIC HEALTH OF RESIDENTS OF THE STATE.

Sec. 7. of this bill will establish a 21-member Commission on Gun Violence Intervention and Prevention to coordinate the funding and implementation of programs and strategies to reduce community gun violence in the state. By awarding grants and guidance to organizations working toward reducing gun violence and allow the commission to accept any gift, donation, or bequest for the purpose of performing their duties.

Who will be on this Commission? Members of organizations that have spent hundreds of thousands of dollars lobby for gun control here in Connecticut. Representatives from organizations like CT Against Gun Violence and Mothers United Against Gun Violence.

H.B. No. 5397 AN ACT DECLARING GUN VIOLENCE A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS AND ESTABLISHING THE OFFICE OF GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND ADVISORY COUNCIL ON GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION.

*This bill will declare that gun violence constitutes a **public health crisis** and will continue to constitute to be a public health crisis until their goal are attained, it will establish an **Office of Gun Violence Prevention**.*